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Re: US Patent No: 6,257,981
US Serial No: 08/922,046
Our Docket: IGT1P289D1C1US

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MESSAGE:

Dear Colleagues:

With reference to the above US patent and the recent Petition filing of 13/14 March 2006.

Please review the PTO entry of materials originally submitted as the docket does not reflect the correct disposition of this patent in terms of maintenance fees.

Our offices filed a supplemental petition to correct the fee deficiency originally paid to the office on 10 January 2005. This occurred after our filing of a NOTICE OF LOSS ENTITLEMENT statement on 09 March 2006.

It appears that the in-take staff member misinterpret our filing for a bumping up of fees as a "small entity" statement which is not the case. Please review the record and correct accordingly.

Enclosures

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| Patent#: | 6,257,981 | Issued Date: | 07/10/2001 | Express Mail # | |
| Inv(s): | ACRES, John F. | | | | |
| Title: | COMPUTER NETWORK FOR CONTROLLING AND MONITORING GAMING DEVICES | | | | |

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Transaction History

| Date | Contents Description |
|------------|--|
| 03-14-2006 | Petition Entered |
| 03-20-2006 | Applicant Has Filed a Verified Statement of Small Entity Status in Compliance with 37 CFR 1.27 |
| 03-09-2006 | Statement Filed Indicating a Loss of Entitlement to Small Entity Status CORRECT |
| 02-22-2006 | Correspondence Address Change |
| 10-12-2005 | Post Issue Communication - Certificate of Correction |
| 02-09-2001 | Workflow - File Sent to Contractor |
| 07-10-2001 | Recordation of Patent Grant Mailed |
| 06-25-2001 | Issue Notification Mailed |
| 07-10-2001 | Patent Issue Date Used in PTA Calculation |
| 05-27-2001 | Application Is Considered Ready for Issue |
| 04-09-2001 | Issue Fee Payment Verified |
| 09-02-1997 | Workflow - Drawings Finished |
| 09-02-1997 | Workflow - Drawings Matched with File at Contractor |
| 09-02-1997 | Workflow - Drawings Received at Contractor |
| 05-23-2001 | Workflow - Complete WF Records for Drawings |
| 01-16-2001 | Mail Notice of Allowance |
| 01-16-2001 | Notice of Allowance Data Verification Completed |
| 11-07-2000 | Data Forwarded to Examiner |
| 10-30-2000 | Response after Non-Final Action |
| 10-30-2000 | Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed |
| 10-30-2000 | Request for Extension of Time - Granted |
| 11-07-2000 | Terminal Disclaimer Approved in TC |
| 10-30-2000 | Terminal Disclaimer Filed |
| 04-25-2000 | Mail Non-Final Rejection |
| 04-24-2000 | Non-Final Rejection |
| 12-17-1999 | Examiner Interview Summary Record (PTOL - 413) |
| 12-17-1999 | Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed |
| 11-18-1999 | Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed |
| 08-27-1999 | Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed |
| 12-13-1999 | Case Found |
| 12-09-1999 | Case Reported Lost |
| 09-29-1999 | Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU |
| 06-24-1999 | Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed |
| 07-02-1999 | Data Forwarded to Examiner |
| 06-24-1999 | Continuing Prosecution Application - Continuation (ACPA) |
| 04-02-1999 | Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed |
| 03-29-1999 | Mail Notice of Allowance |
| 03-29-1999 | Notice of Allowance Data Verification Completed |
| 02-11-1999 | Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed |
| 01-05-1999 | Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed |
| 01-19-1999 | Data Forwarded to Examiner |
| 01-05-1999 | Response after Non-Final Action |
| 01-14-1999 | Terminal Disclaimer Approved in TC |
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.28(c), Applicants request consideration of the remarks set forth below, and authorization to pay supplementary fees.

Applicants recently determined that small entity maintenance fees paid for the fourth [4th] tax year maybe in error and that a large entity maintenance fee payment is most correct. The Applicants hereby request that such error be excused under 37 CFR§ 1.28(c)(2).

A NOTICE OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITLEMENT STATUS statement was recently submitted to the USPTO for this patent. 3/9/06

Applicants request that any error in establishing small entity status and/or in failing to notify the Office of a loss of entitlement to small entity status be excused. To this end, Applicants submit

supplemental large entity fees as follows:

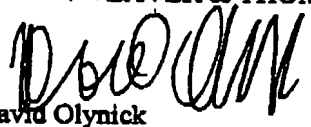
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| Fees Erroneously Paid as a Small Entity | Date | Fee Actually paid As a Small Entity | Current Fee | Deficiency Owed |
|---|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 04th year maintenance | 04 Jan. 2005 | \$450.00 | \$900.00 | \$450.00 |
| Total | | | | \$450.00 |

Enclosed is our Check No. 11683 for \$450.00. This amount is believed to be sufficient to make up the deficiency between the amount of the fees paid and the amount of fees that would be due at the large entity rate.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fees that may be due (including any deficiencies not accounted for in the above calculation) to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. IGT1P289D1C1US). Please credit any overpayment to the same account. If any issues remain, please contact the undersigned at (510) 663.1100.

Respectfully submitted,
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| Status: | 8th year fee window opens: 07/10/2008 | | |
| Window Opens: | 07/10/2008 | Surcharge Date: | 01/13/2009 |
| Fee Amt Due: | Window not open | Surchg Amt Due: | Window not open |
| Fee Code: | 2562 | MAINTENANCE FEE DUE AT 7.5 YEARS. | |
| Surcharge Fee Code: | | | |
| Most recent events (up to 7): | Pat Holder Claims Small Entity Status Refund - Payment of Maintenance Fee, 4th Yr, Small Entity. Payor Number Assigned. Payer Number De-assigned. Pat Hldr no longer Claims Small Ent Stat Payment of Maintenance Fee, 4th Yr, Small Entity. Payor Number Assigned. --- End of Maintenance History --- | | |
| Address for fee purposes: | BEYER WEAVER & THOMAS LLP P.O. BOX 70250 OAKLAND, CA 946120250 | | |
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